

## TITUSVILLE, PA., A PORT OF DELIVERY.

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JUNE 14, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. DALZELL, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10585.]

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10585) designating Titusville, Crawford County, Pa., a subport of entry in the customs collection district of Erie, Pa., having had the same under consideration, report said bill back with a recommendation that it pass, with an amendment making Titusville a port of delivery instead of a subport of entry.

In addition to other materials of various kinds of foreign origin which enter into the manufactures of Titusville, there are hides, which are imported annually in large quantities to supply the tanneries there in operation.

Storage and insurance and other rent charges are so much less in an inland town than in New York City, to which place hides mainly come, that it is desirable, in the interest of both manufacturer and consumer, that Titusville should be made a port of delivery. To make it such is in line with our present policy as indicated in the seventh section of the act of Congress of June 10, 1880, in which a large number of cities in various States have had extended to them the privilege of immediate transportation.

The bill has the approval of the Treasury Department, as is shown by the letter accompanying this report. Its passage does not involve any expenditure.

The amendments to be made are as follows:

Strike out the words "a subport of entry," in line 4 of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof "a port of delivery."

Strike out "subport," in line 9, and insert in lieu thereof "port."

Amend the title so as to read "A bill designating Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, a port of delivery in the customs collection district of Erie, Pennsylvania."

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, D. C., June 8, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication, dated the 6th instant, from the clerk to your committee, with which was transmitted, for an expression of my views thereon, House bill 10585, providing for the designation of

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Titusville, Pa., as a subport of entry in the customs collection district of Erie, Pa., and extending to said proposed subport the privileges of the seventh section of the act approved June 10, 1880, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement.

From representations made to the Department there appears to be commercial necessity for the designation of Titusville as a port, but as said place is an inland city, to which importations may not be made direct, the amendment to House bill 10585 in such manner as to make the place named a port of delivery instead of a subport of entry is suggested by striking out the words "a subport of entry," in line 4 of said bill, and inserting in lieu thereof "a port of delivery." With the amendment suggested I recommend the bill to favorable consideration by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully, yours,

L. J. GAGE,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. NELSON DINGLEY,  
*Chairman Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives.*

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